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Victims of identity theft offered new safeguards through enhanced ID Theft Passport

Wilmington, DE – The Delaware Attorney General’s Office announced today that Izon® holographic technology developed by DuPont will be used to provide authentication for victims of identity theft statewide. The announcement was made during a presentation of the technology at the Attorney General’s Wilmington offices.

The ID Theft Passport is a free service provided to victims of identity theft by the Attorney General’s office as a way to substantiate the crime to creditors and law enforcement. Passports feature laminated photo identification and can be presented to law enforcement agencies to help prevent arrest for offenses committed by someone else using a victim’s stolen information, to creditors to aid in the investigation of fraudulent charges, and to consumer reporting agencies as official notice of disputed charges on credit reports. Izon® authentication technology will now be used as an additional security and authentication device in each ID Theft Passport that is produced.

“The ID Theft Passport provides victims of identity theft with an important tool to secure their identity and reclaim their financial health,” stated Chief Deputy Attorney General Richard Gebelein. “We were impressed with the high level of security that DuPont’s Izon® authentication technology provides and believe that Delawareans will be better protected as a result of its incorporation into the Passport Program.”

“We are proud to offer our Izon® holographic technology to enhance the Identity Theft Passport program,” said Linda B. West, vice president and general manager, DuPont Imaging Technologies. “DuPont Authentication has been successfully assisting our global customers to understand their security needs, whether that is brand protection, anti-counterfeiting, product tracking, or document authentication and developing customized solutions based on those needs. We look forward to working closely with the state of Delaware to reduce the negative impact of increasing identity theft.”

Identity theft is one of the fastest growing white collar crimes in the nation. The Attorney General’s Office provides a range of information and resources to help consumers prevent identity theft and to assist victims of the crime. **On June 6, 13, and 20, the Attorney General’s Office is sponsoring “community shredding days” in locations statewide.** During each event, free on-site document shredding for consumers will be available and staff will be on hand to share educational information about identity theft and the ID Theft Passport Program, featuring Izon® holographic technology.

Learn more about identity theft and the June 2009 community shredding days by visiting www.attorneygeneral.delaware.gov or call the Attorney General's toll-free Consumer Hotline at 1-800-220-5424.



Photo caption: Chief Deputy Attorney General Richard Gebelein, with DuPont Vice President and General Manager Linda B. West, announces the incorporation of Izon® holographic technology into the Identity Theft Passport Program.

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